

retrocession because it involved only Indians dealing with Indians. Thurston County is one of the most racist counties in the way it is operated of any county in this state. Their jail is in such bad condition and out of compliance that the Attorney General is in the process of having it closed and that is the jail where Senator Goll and the others want to see these Indians incarcerated. It was Thurston County that practiced with a vengeance the bounty system until I was able to get a change in the law. That was a practice whereby for every individual in jail the sheriff got so much money per head per day for food. So you know what Sheriff Clyde Story did? He would pick up a lot of native Americans just before midnight and release them shortly after midnight and collect money for meals for those people for two days without spending a nickel for any meal and he pocketed the money. He pocketed the money and the law allowed it. It was a bounty system. It was known. Story practiced it with a vengeance. Senator Goll had to know about it. But now they come to us talking about they don't understand why the Indians want criminal retrocession and Senator Hoagland whom Senator Johnson said is on the cutting edge of social justice stands here as a white man and says that the people who came to testify in behalf of retrocession were lawyers and professors, or, in other words, those who understand the technical complexities that Senator Goll said in here in this question. Those people came to answer questions like Senator Hoagland would have. But it is all right when he has a bill before the Judiciary Committee or some other committee like the Insurance Committee dealing with prejudgment interest if lawyers and professors are the ones who testify on that. Whenever we are dealing with a helpless group, the tactics used by everybody from the bankers on down to the loan sharks suddenly becomes suspect and not proper. They know in this Legislature that the Indians have been cheated out of education. They would have liked nothing better than to find people who would feel intimidated by the committee coming before the committee. Then you know what Senator Hoagland would say? We didn't have any people testifying on this who understood the legal intricacies of it.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We had people speaking from an emotional standpoint and they could not grasp what we were talking about, so he wants it both ways as the treaty breakers have